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**A NOTE OF THANKS FROM THE DESK OF THE MAYOR**

So often our responsibilities and everyday duties keep us so busy that we are inclined to put off words of appreciation we wish to express. However, the feeling around our City Hall these days is so great with gratitude for the wonderful all-out support given the Civic Center and Swimming Pool bond issues by the Torrance voters, I determined my expression of thanks to them would be first on my agenda today.

Torrance has grown tremendously since the year preceding World War II. Our population figure at that time was 9950. The figure shown after a special census taken in 1947 was 13,160... in 1948, 17,450... and in November, 1953, 44,914. Our anticipated growth by 1960 is estimated at 100,000. We are no longer a small industrial area "just outside of Los Angeles." Torrance has been... is now... and will continue to be a progressive city. As a necessity, our business district must expand in order to adequately meet the demands of our population. The fact our residents are fully aware of this was proven at our polls this past week when they voted in favor of A GREATER TORRANCE.

The bonds are going to help give us as a community what we will be justly proud to call our own... a well-equipped jail... and a youth center connected with the swimming pool. It is the beginning of a long-range plan project that will eventually include recreation buildings, a spacious ball park... and one of the first municipal parks in Southern California.

Eventually, a superior court will be built by Los Angeles County adjacent to the jail with a tunnel underneath to facilitate safe transportation of prisoners to and from court at a minimum expense to the city.

The swimming pool project is to be built to Olympic specifications with the deep part in the middle to facilitate the teaching of swimming. The bath house is to be so constructed as to be converted into a recreation center for dances, motion pictures, a game room and a snack bar... making it automatically a teenage drop-in center. The deck around the pool is to be wide enough and luxuriously enough for pleasant sunbathing to add to the health-giving advantages.

Additionally, we are hoping we can convince the State to move their unemployment building to the Civic Center site which will leave another space in the downtown business area for the citizens to use for parking at the corner of Cravens and Engracia.

I would like to take this opportunity to convey my personal thanks to those many civic-minded personalities who gave untiringly of their time in a concentrated effort to put the bond issues over with a bang. Each and every one knows of whom I speak. Thanks a million, fellows and gals, for a job well done!

We at the City Hall, as mentioned, are very grateful to the voters for the outcome of the election. We realize the best way we can show our appreciation is by continuing to do our utmost in behalf of the City of Torrance. This we sincerely intend to do and trust our efforts will warrant your continued good will.

With warm thanks for your interest, I am,  
Your Mayor,  
NICK DRALE

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**ROUND THE RIVIERA Meeting with Firemen, Police Planned to Discuss Problems**

By MARY and JACK WEBB FR 5-3051

More discussions center on the parking problem faced in Hollywood Riviera's narrow streets. Last meeting of the Riviera Homeowners Assn. saw a decision to have representatives meet with the Torrance City Police and Fire departments. Not only are the streets so narrow that two cars parked parallel on opposite sides of a street block off thoroughfare, but such a condition makes it almost impossible to allow a fire engine or truck of any sort to get through.

Mr. and Mrs. George Bottomley, of 251 Calle de Andalucia, last Saturday attended the giant "Y Day in Hollywood" at the Hollywood Bowl. The annual event featured a variety show presented by Art Linkletter and TV talent.

Bottomley is an executive for the Southwest Council for the YMCA. In his position, he supervises the doings of the "Y" in all this area.

Incidentally, he added that he'll travel to Paris for the YMCA Centennial next August. Tentative plans for this trip were also discussed during last Saturday's Hollywood event.

First new neighbors to move into Hollywood Riviera Estates were Mr. and Mrs. John R. Cary, 203 Via Alameda. They and their children, Margaret Ann 8, and John R., 1 1/2, moved in on Oct. 3. They moved here from their former home in Westchester. He is an engineer at Al Research.

And now's as good a time as any to welcome all of you new neighbors. If you have questions on your new community, or problems which you think we may help you with, drop us a note or give a call. And if you have any news notes, relatives who stop in, or friends in for tea, give us a call.

Chief Warrant Officer John W. Reed, of 138 Via Alameda,

ner new neighbors. Attending were Mrs. Gene Byrd, M. Heflinger, the hostess and the honored guest, Mrs. Clara Kuehnel, her mother-in-law, currently visiting the Kuehnels from St. Louis, Mo., was present also.

The Oswalds moved into Hollywood Riviera about a month ago, residing at their new home at 525 Via la Selva. Their former home was in Leimert Park. Their family numbers five in all, there being two children, John 8, and Jay 12, as well as Mrs. Lena M. Armstrong, his mother. Mr. Oswald is with Douglas Aircraft, in capacity as lead man in the tooling division.

A guest of Mr. and Mrs. George Bottomley, of 251 Calle de Andalucia, is Mrs. Helen C. King of Fayette, O. She is the mother of Mrs. Bottomley. Mrs. King arrived last week and plans to stay in Hollywood Riviera through the Christmas holidays.

Brownie leadership training courses for Hollywood Riviera women and other South Bay women will commence Nov. 1, Mrs. J. von Blankenburg, of 700 Calle de Arboles, Brodie chairman for Hollywood Riviera, announced.

The courses will be held in Room 10, Adult Education Bldg., Redondo Union High School, from 9 a.m. till 11:30 a.m. Mrs. von Blankenburg said the complete calendar of training meetings is scheduled as follows: Nov. 1, 3, 8, 10, 15, 17, 22 and 24, a total of eight lessons in all.

Invitations to attend the



**PUBLICITY CHECK**... Stan Roberts (left) executive secretary of the board of managers, check posters which were put out over town today proclaiming the annual YMCA Good Neighbor Breakfast to be held here next Saturday in the Torrance Civic Auditorium.

courses were sent last week to all mothers of the second grade girls of Riviera School. The invitations asked the mothers to meet with Mrs. von Blankenburg at her Calle de Arboles home at 10 a.m. and 1 p.m. on Thursday, Oct. 21. They'll discuss plans to start new Brownie troops in Hollywood Riviera.

Mrs. von Blankenburg added that not only will she need leaders for existing Brownie troops, but new troops soon to be formed will need women as leaders and co-leaders.

Oct. 23 to Nov. 6 mark the weeks in which the Girl Scouts and Brownies of Hollywood Riviera will canvass this area selling their official calendars. Proceeds are used by the local troops to finance their meetings and training. Part of the proceeds will go to their general council to help defray the expenses of the overall Girl Scout-Brownie management.

Mr. Alfred Artuso, 864 Calle de Arboles, is in his first year as principal of the Walteria School. He and his wife and two children, Patricia and Alfred Jr., have been Rivierans for about one and a half years. Patricia is a sophomore at Torrance High School while young brother Alfred Jr. is of preschool age.

The new principal and his family moved here from Reno, Nev., where he had taught for five years, and coached for three of the five years. His former teaching jobs in this area were with Seaside as eighth grade teacher, and as vice-principal with Perry School.

Vera Grube, 408 Via Monte de Oro, is concentrating the facilities of her "Casa Galeria" in the preparation of specialized Christmas cards that should interest local citizenry. She tells us they will feature six black and white drawings, four of which will be local scenes. It was she, incidentally, who was so busy at the Las Vecinas breakfast at El Retiro Park recently, drawing sketches of her Riviera neighbors. Part of the proceeds from her drawings that Sunday morning went to Harbor General Hospital.

Tonight is the big night for members of the Hollywood Riviera Sportsmen and their wives who will attend the installation dinner and ceremonies at Riviera Beach Club at 7 p.m. New officers of the club, announced here last week, will be installed into their positions. Outgoing officers, headed by President Louis

Regan, are in charge of menu and other arrangements.

Newest of our Rivieran neighbors to find a spot in the local business world is Mrs. A. P. Stone, of 454 Calle de Aragon, who next week opens her own furniture store down at 1507 S. Pacific Coast Hwy.

A bridge luncheon for Las Vecinas members was held last Thursday at the home of Mrs. John C. Dunn Jr., of 404 Calle Mayor. Guests included Misses Max Webber, Willard Wanke, R. G. Stout, Lee Scott, John P. Strator, August Muizers, and Charlton Mewborn.

Almost a dozen and a half Rivierans meet with other South Bay residents every second and fourth Tuesday to explore the great books of the ages. So reports Mrs. A. P. Stone, secretary for the group, who adds that the meetings, held at Walteria Library at 8 p.m., have been going at full pace for over a year.

This club is called the Great Books Club, and its leader-moderators are Mr. and Mrs. Seve Detzer of Palos Verdes. The group reads and discusses the greatest writings of the ages, including Plato, Socrates and others, whose works are designated by the Great Books Foundation to be included in the curriculum of the club.

Next meeting of the organization is scheduled for Tuesday, Oct. 26, and the book on the agenda for that evening is "Aeschylus, the House of Atrous."

Members from Hollywood Riviera are Messrs. and Mrs. Trace Toovey, John Treacy, A. P. Stone, Joseph Mulqueen, Mark Moss, Lloyd J. Money, John Carlisle and Richard Blakeley; Messames Juan Matute and Thomas van Blankenburg.

First regular meeting of the Riviera School PTA will be Oct. 27, at 8 p.m. The meeting, to be held at Riviera School, will feature Dr. J. H. Hull, superintendent of Schools, as guest speaker.

Mrs. Roy Nash, of 230 Candino de las Colinas, president of Las Vecinas, entertained at a hostess party held at her home last Thursday. Member of Las Vecinas attended the party which highlighted a luncheon for the group. Guests included Mrs. Eugene Hurst, Eugene Hurst, Robert Jahn, Henry Schmidt, H. K. Ingles, John Kirby, R. W. Klook and Fred Filgiano.

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Born to Mr. and Mrs. Robert E. Hanum, of 110 Via los Altos, on Oct. 3 at 3 a.m. at Rose Hospital, Los Angeles, was a 7 lb., 10 1/2 oz. boy whom they have named Gary Robert. Their third child and first son, he joins Marsha, 3 1/2 and Susan, 18 months at the Hamm household. Maternal grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. J. A. Framstead of Hermosa Beach, while paternal grand parent is Mrs. C. A. Hamm of Los Angeles.

**NEW NEIGHBOR DEPT.** Welcome to Mr. and Mrs. Bernard Meier, of 139 Paseo de Gracia, and their three children. The Meiers moved here from Alhambra Gardens on Aug. 15. Their children are Bernard Jr., 10; David, 7, and Ellen 2 1/2.

Mrs. George Kuehnel, of 617 Via la Selva, held a coffee party last Friday morning to honor new neighbor Mrs. L. R. Oswald and to introduce her to

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